

27 May 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul M. Chretien, Assistant to  
the Director for Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Conversation with Public Information  
Media Representative

1. This memorandum is the follow-up of the telephone conversation I had with you about a conversation I had with Jerry O'Leary, Jr., a Latin American writer for the Washington Evening Star.

2. At a social gathering on Saturday, 23 May 1964, O'Leary [redacted] opened his conversation with me with the statement that [redacted] appears to be open season on CIA in the literary world. He said he had learned that I had read the Bay of Pigs book. He wondered whether there was any direct request from the publisher to CIA for comments on The Bay of Pigs prior to publication. My answer was vague, and I said that the Agency has a standard policy of no comment. O'Leary pointed out that it seemed to him that there were exceptions. O'Leary said that he understood there was a new book on CIA called The Invisible Government and he was trying to find a copy. He had contacted the authors, who said they had no more copies of the book. He said that at his request the editor of the Star sent a telegram to Random House requesting a copy of the book for O'Leary. I did not show any familiarity with The Invisible Government nor express much interest.

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